

# 1st Annual Sewers Forum Retreat - Program

## THURSDAY, MAY 6th

**6:30 - 9:00 p.m. - Welcoming Reception** - Join us in the main sewing room for snacks and to meet up with SF members from other clubs. Pick up the final weekend itinerary and your "clues" to help you unravel the mystery of the "missing" thimble.

## FRIDAY, MAY 7th -

**8:30 a.m. - BREAKFAST**

**10:00 a.m. - Embellishing Soup for Centsational Small Gifts (2 hrs)**

Cheryl will demo some of the many techniques you can use to easily transform a small gift into something very special. Check out some embellished small gift samples and make notes of these methods in a journal provided by Cheryl, then do a little playing yourself as you make an easy embellished cover for your sewing journal. Bring your sewing machine, a pen and basic sewing kit to class. Instructor: Cheryl Wray, SF Co-ordinator, Bowmanville

**12:30 p.m - LUNCH**

**5:30 p.m. - DINNER**

**7:00 p.m. Getting Back to Sewing Garments: Trunk Show (1 hr plus)**

Wish you could sew yourself garments that flatter you and are easy to fit? Looking for a fresh approach to fashion sewing? Catherine Goetz, owner of Distinctive Sewing Supplies and facilitator of the Oakville Sewers Forum, explores with you the unique creations possible with the pattern collections from independent pattern companies such as The Bali Collection, The Sewing Workshop Collection and Modular Design for Couture Artwear. From casual coordinates to elegant eveningwear, learn how to use exotic fabrics with confidence. Pattern layout, pattern selection, sewing techniques for working with drapery, figure skimming fabrics such as batik rayon, silks and velvets are covered. Lots of gorgeous sample garments will be on display. Instructor: Catherine Goetz - Distinctive Sewing, Oakville

## SATURDAY, MAY 8th

**8:30 a.m. - BREAKFAST**

**10:00 a.m. - Serger Play with Jo-Anne (2 hrs)**

Jo-Anne will show you some neat serging tips and techniques and answer your serger questions as she guides you through the process of making a quick bag on your serger. Bring your serger and basic sewing kit to class and Jo-Anne will supply the kit for the bag. For those without a serger, there is limited number of sergers available for use.

Instructor: Jo-Anne Coleman, Creative Styling, Westport

**12:30 p.m - LUNCH**

**5:30 p.m. - DINNER**

**7:00 p.m. Awards and Show & Share** - Share your sewing achievements and/or ask about fixing a particular problem with your project. The winner of our "Thimble Mystery" will be announced along with the winners of our SF Sweatshirt Challenge. Awards will presented at this time.

## SUNDAY, MAY 9th

**11:00 a.m. - BRUNCH**

Pack and leave for home after Brunch.

### **VENDORS:**

The following vendors will be on hand if you wish to purchase fabrics, etc. from them during the retreat and their hours of operation will be posted at their tables in the Sewing Area.

**Creative Styling:** [www.creativestyling.com](http://www.creativestyling.com) - from Westport.

**Distinctive Sewing** - [www.distinctivesewing.com](http://www.distinctivesewing.com) - from Oakville

**Don't forget** to bring your sewing machine, power cord, thread, sewing notions and sewing projects you wish to finish. Bring your serger and thread as well if you wish to participate in the Saturday Serger class. For those without a serger, there will be limited number of sergers available for use.

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